

**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE
PRACTICES
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Remote Meeting Via Zoom Conference Call
April 29, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Committee Members: Bert Cohen, Peter Britz, Cliff Lazenby, Larry Lariviere, John Kennedy, Rebecca O'Brien, Tracey Cameron, Aubrey Gewehr, Benjamin Doyle (Eco-Club), Darla Mahoney (Eco-Club), Maya Mckinnon (Eco-Club)
Guests: Representative Jackie Cali-Pitts, Valentina Giordana, Peter Van, Peter Furst

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Meeting called to order by Becca at 6:30pm.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM March 25, 2021

1. Approved on a motion by Cliff, seconded by John???

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update Community Power Coalition of NH CPCNH
 - a. Rep. Cali-Pitts, co-sponsor of Senate bill 289, gave an update on the bill. It has been up dated and has pass. Aggregation is possible, but won't happen quickly.
 - b. The committee reviewed a slideshow to be presented to the city Council on May 17. The slideshow will be 10 minutes or less. A committee of Cliff, Peter Britz, Peter Vandermark, Becca, eco-club members, and Bert will work as a sub committee to refine the slideshow. John Kennedy will bring his expertise to making it short and to the point. Peter Britz we will send out some dates for a possible sub committee meeting.
 - c. The main result desired from the presentation of the slideshow is to get a work session from the city Council focused on Community Power.
 - d. Jackie suggested using some simple bullets such as: savings, efficiency, security, sustainability could be affected.
 - e. Cliff requested that the letter be finished by May 11.
2. Guest Speakers
 - a. Getting a speaker on zoning was one suggestion. The Jordan Institute and our cities chief building inspector were two possible avenues to investigate.
 - b. John suggested we hear more about trees in our community. Perhaps we have the city arborist let the committee know what has been done and any plans for the future. There was general consensus that this would be an interesting topic.
 - c. Committee will review speakers at future meetings and look to coordinate them with current topic and committee priorities

V. Priorities for 2021 will be reviewed on an on going basis.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

1. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

a. Next Meeting May 27th, 6:30-8:30pm, facilitated by Bert and recorded by Peter
Respectfully submitted by Bert Cohen